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Tri-Town: A Year in Headlines...

By Jean Perry

Another year has passed and everything in Tri-Town – the streets, the houses, the historic landmarks, trees, and the residents – is another year older. On the personal level, our year ultimately unfolded in uniquely different ways from one another's, making for a 2019 that is as individual as we each are.

Then there is the collective year we share as a community – which, again, is unique to each of the three towns given how distinctively different Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester are from each other. But, as a Tri-Town, inextricably linked by its common history originating from the one Old Rochester, there is another level of a shared collective experience.

At the end of every year, we review every edition of *The Wanderer* to revisit the last 12 months and recall the events that defined a year. Having said that, Tri-Town: behold your 2019...

Marion

"Marion Designated as Green Community": Marion entered the New Year a little greener and with \$132,672 more in funds to pursue further energy-saving endeavors.

"Developer Sues Over Solar Farm Denial": The denial of a solar farm at 78 Wareham Road in 2018 came back to haunt the Planning Board for the first half of 2019 after solar developer ZPT Energy Solutions LLC filed a complaint with the Land Court.

Marion's solar bylaw gave no clear definition to the phrase "large-scale" when it comes to the clear-cutting of trees. ZPT's argued the clear-cutting of 86 percent of the land did not constitute large-scale. That suit was later dropped, which segues us to our next headline:

"Solar Farm denial Clears the Way for Second 40B": Developer Ken Steen seized on the opportunity to take 78 Wareham Road and create a second 40B

On the Cover: Covering 2019 – We wish all of our readers a prosperous and healthy 2020, and thank you to all of our wonderful advertisers who helped make 2019 another successful year for The Wanderer and the Tri-Town community we serve! The cover of this week's online-only edition of The Wanderer, of course, features 49 of our 2019 covers. Which one was your favorite?

community in Marion, a project that is nearing completion in the state permitting process and is slated to enter the local permitting process in 2020.

"Capital Project Faces Potential \$1 Million Shortfall": Marion faced some tough financial challenges this year: first with its engineer, CDM Smith, announcing a significant shortfall in the financing of the estimated \$2.5 million wastewater lagoon project to the tune of \$1,135,000. That estimated shortfall turned out to be way off once bids came in for the project. The lowest bid came in at \$4,668,000, which was double CDM Smith's shortfall estimate.

To say the selectmen were displeased would be an understatement. During a February 19, the board signed a strongly-worded letter to the engineering firm, and then later went face to face with reps from CDM Smith with its displeasure while the engineers apologized.

"Town Stuck with Failing Trash Truck": For the first half of 2019, Marion scurried to find a solution to its curbside trash truck that seemed like it was always breaking down and costing the town tens of thousands in

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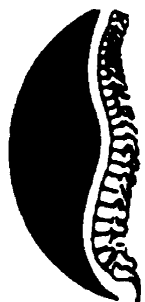
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futile repairs. The town was faced with very few options as the certainty of the future of its regionalized trash district hung in limbo: keep slogging by with an aging truck, buy a new truck, or just pay someone else with their own trucks to haul the town's trash away. Town Meeting voters opted for option 3, and eventually signed on with Waste Management. After a slow start, the social media outrage of residents finally seems to be dying down as we enter 2020.

"Town Clerk Indicted on Criminal Larceny Charges": After the Carver, Marion, Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District filed a civil suit against its former executive director Ray Pickles, who also served as the town clerk until his resignation on September 3, it was only a matter of time before criminal charges followed. Pickles was indicted by a grand jury in March on six counts of Grand Larceny. Pickles pleaded 'not guilty'.

The sad end to Pickles' ordeal comes with another headline in this edition of *The Wanderer*: "Indicted Refuse Director Ray Pickles Dies".

"TA Postpones Retirement as Finalists Drop Out": He was supposed to be out of there by March 15, but Town Administrator Paul Dawson stuck it out long enough for the selectmen to appoint his successor after the two finalists both dropped out of the running right before their final interviews in March.

Selectmen picked James "Jay" McGrail in April while Dawson assisted him until McGrail's first official day on the job: the May 13 Annual Town Meeting.

"Marion Moves to Dispose of Regional Trash District": With a bleak future for the CMWRRDD, Marion started planning its 'Mexit' for 2020 by asking Special Town Meeting voters in October to allow that process to proceed. Voters agreed it was the right thing to do. Marion is in negotiations with the CMWRRDD over Mexit conditions.

"Recreational Cannabis Proposal Presented": Will this be the newest headline hot topic for Marion in 2020? A group of entrepreneurs attended the Board of Selectmen's final meeting of 2019 with a proposal for a recreational adult-use marijuana dispensary at the site of the former Christie's on Route 6.



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"Engineering Begins for New Fire House": The Town chose its engineer in January to construct the new fire station and the associated work for the new site on Route 6 beside the police station. Voters approved a \$9.25 million debt exclusion, and the town hopes to break ground in March of 2020.

"Gagne Announces Retirement": Town Administrator Michael Gagne announced on February 26 that he would be retiring on October 15, 2019. Unfortunately for Gagne, he'll still be the Mattapoisett town administrator when the clock hits midnight on New Year's Eve and into the second month of 2020, when the town will finally select his replacement.

The first round of resumes proved unsuccessful for the search committee, which ultimately had to hire an experienced municipal recruiter to help the town secure some quality candidates, which leads us to our next headline:

"Macallister Resigns, Applies for Town Administrator Job": This one is pretty self-explanatory,

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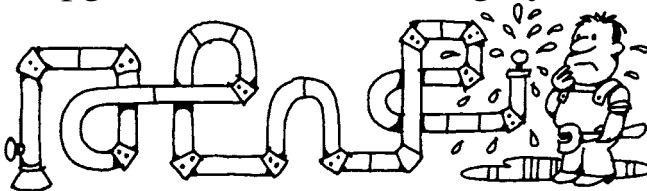
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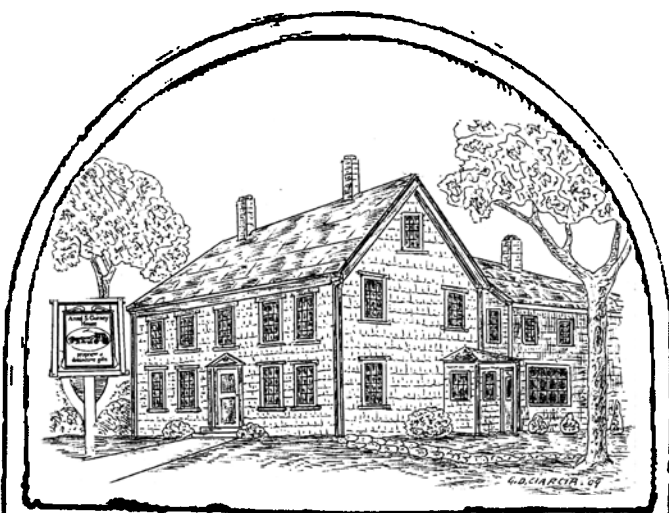
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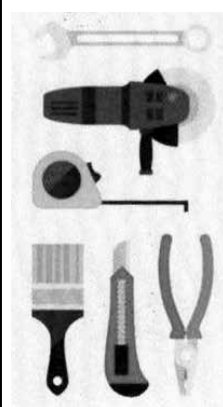
although he, like everyone else, will have to go through the hiring process led by the same consultant that assisted Marion in its search for a new TA, Bernie Lynch.

"Marijuana Cultivation Proposed for Mattapoisett": Two business partners went before the Planning Board in March seeking to establish a marijuana growing facility on Industrial Drive. The business proposal included a clause for wholesale sales.

The cultivation and commercial sale of recreational adult-use cannabis-containing products is prohibited in Mattapoisett, so Gagne stated that the bylaw would have to be amended. Voters at the May 13 Annual Town Meeting rejected an article to allow recreational marijuana, and then again rejected the notion during a Special Town Meeting on November 4 to allow the cultivation of recreational marijuana.

"Groundbreaking Marks Start of Bike Path Project": Dozens arrived at the end of Reservation Road on April 25 to witness the ceremonial groundbreaking of Phase 1B of the Mattapoisett Bike Path, which adds an additional 1.28 miles to the existing bike path.

The headline "Solar Array Planned for Bowman Road" from the August 26 Conservation Commission meeting looked promising for solar developer NextGrid, LLC, especially after it received the commission's approval to move forward. But after a Zoning Board of Appeals denial on November 21, the most current headline from December is "Solar Developer Sues



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Rochester

"Rumors Prompt Info Session on Pending 40R Housing": Rochester started the year 2019 with a new word in its local lexicon: 40R.

Referred to as a "friendly 40B," resident concerns (and subsequent rumors) about an overwhelming influx in population led to a public info session on January 3, 2019, when public officials and citizens were introduced to developer Ken Steen and his plan for a 208-unit residential development on Cranberry Highway.

The 40R is different from a 40B in that the town, in addition to being included in the planning process throughout permitting, is eligible to receive funding to

reimburse the town for increasing demands on municipal services such as police and fire and schools.

The development will include affordable housing, which will put Rochester above the state-mandated 10 percent affordable housing minimum, a deterrent for any potential 40B developments.

As 2019 came to a close, Steen presented his project to the Conservation Commission at its final meeting of the year, and he expects to officially file with the Planning Board within the first few weeks of 2020.

"Solar to Replace Appealed Farmers Market Project": Instead of a farmer's market and café on a piece of Craig Canning's massive swath of agricultural land on Marion Road, Rochester found itself having to welcome another solar farm into the neighborhood.

A contentious appeal process with a resistant abutter cast a permanent shadow on Canning's first project, prompting him to look to the sun to brighten his economic horizon.

After many months, the 4-megawatt solar array farm received final approval before tearing the final page from the 2019 calendar.

"'Prize Patrol' Surprises Local Sweepstakes Winner": 2019 was unforgettable for Rochester resident John Hall who experienced what we would all love to have happen to us one day – opening the door to a camera crew behind a smiling well-dressed man holding out a giant \$50,000 check written in your name. Yes, it's

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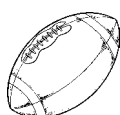
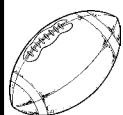
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"Weigel Sworn-in as First Full-time Fire Chief":
Rochester continues to grow, which is why Fire Chief Scott Weigel officially went from part-time status to full-time on May 6. He was sworn-in by the town clerk during a Board of Selectmen meeting and then escorted off to celebrate with the sirens and lights of accompanying fire trucks.

"Massive Solar Farms in Rochester Pipeline":
To the dismay of many Rochester residents, it looks like 2020 will be another productive year for solar energy proliferation.

Planning Board Chairman Arnie Johnson explained on December 9 that 60 of 100 acres will be clear-cut to make way for a 10-megawatt solar farm, a project that is slated as number one of five that are in the works for 2020.

The five large-scale solar farms will be almost completely contiguous across hundreds of acres spanning along Braley Hill Road from Tabor Lane to Featherbed Lane and all the way across to Snipatuit Road abutting Trailside Estates.

The Tri-Town

"EEE Threat Incites Concern, Spraying": The critical risk of Eastern Equine Encephalitis affected us all during the second half of the summer of 2019 and throughout the fall until that first major frost. The



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EEE threat canceled some of the highlighting annual summer events, such as the Marion Town Party and the evening events at the Rochester Country Fair, which was shortened considerably.

The first human case of EEE was in Rochester in early August, which heightened the awareness and severity of the EEE situation for the Tri-Town, particularly.

The EEE prognosis for 2020 isn't looking any better, either, so we should expect some similar occurrences and upsets this summer – but hopefully without any further victims.

"Selectmen Ready to Talk T.U.R.F.": The T.U.R.F. ORR athletic field upgrade project conversation was reignited early in 2019, well ahead of the three town meetings. The project garnered minimal support from the finance committees, boards of selectmen, and town administrators from each of the towns, but a downscaled version of the project that included new stage lighting for the auditorium won the support of the town meeting voters in Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester. The prospect of the project coming to fruition seemed within reach when Mattapoisett and Marion voters at the polls threw their support behind the project; alas, Rochester voters rejected the project during their July 10 special election in a 575-689 vote.

The superintendent for the four Tri-Town school districts announced that this would be his final school year before he retires in June of 2020. The school

committees have united to get the process of finding a new superintendent going with a timeline that will hopefully result in a final candidate come March.

"Tri-Town Teen Nicotine Withdrawal Prompts Concern": Teen electronic cigarette use increased everywhere in the country, including in the Tri-Town. But when suspected vaping-induced lung diseases started to go up, Governor Charlie Baker responded by banning all e-cigarette and vaping products in the state. Marion Public Health Nurse Kathleen Downey sounded the alarm about teen nicotine withdrawal happening in the region after she said parents had started calling her with their own concerns about kids and nicotine withdrawal in light of the diminished supply of vape products.

The e-cigarette ban persists into 2020, although some regulated THC-containing vape product sales have been allowed to resume.

Weather Makes for Balmy Christmas Day Swim By Marilou Newell

For many local families and friends, the annual Helping Hands and Hooves Christmas morning swim has become a tradition – a growing tradition, according to the Mattapoisett-based non-profit organization's director, Julie Craig.

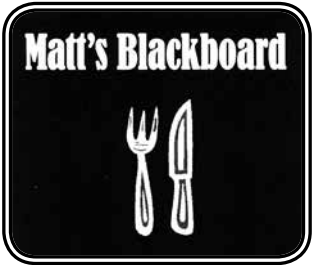
"This year was our best year yet," she shared.

And the weather could not have been more agreeable as several dozen hale and hearty participants stood on Mattapoisett's Town Beach awaiting the signal to plunge into the freezing seawater.

Buzzards Bay this time of the year has an average temperature of about 40 degrees Fahrenheit. But taking the bite out of the cold water was a bright sun in the nearly cloudless sky. One could actually feel the heat of the sun; a tiny bit, anyway.

It wouldn't have been a Christmas Day plunge without folks showing up dressed for the occasion in Santa suits, 'ugly' Christmas sweaters, fancy glittery neckties, and even a festively-dressed family dog.

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Lou Casi of Mattapoisett attended the event with his son, Cabley, and nephew and first-time Christmas day swimmer Nate Syer, who was visiting from North Carolina. The 12-year-old boys sprang in and out of the water, no problem. Dad did okay, too, just a bit slower on the return.

The four-strong Foley family, along with their fur babies Annie and Breezin, were enjoying the party atmosphere. Breezin, a black lab, thought the whole event was just for him.

The event's only challenge was the extreme low tide. This condition required the swimmers to slog out rather far before they reached enough depth to actually get fully wet. With screams, shouts, and with joyous laughter, the plungers appeared as a single unit moving quickly forward and back, grabbing towels and warm robes from their support teams onshore.

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Making it an Early New Year's Eve

By Jean Perry

Some of us stay up till midnight to ring in the New Year and some of us don't. And the general pattern of the New Year life cycle is a seemingly common one.

When we are very young, try as we might, the odds of making it to midnight on New Year's Eve are against us. A little older and perhaps none the wiser, staying up until midnight is not only easy, but also fun! Welcome a baby or two into the family and nothing is worth losing precious sleep over. After a few more years, staying up for the countdown – however physically possible – often feels far too overrated. Then comes a

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point when it starts getting harder and harder to make it to midnight even when we want to.

Few are the years in life when making it to midnight on New Year's Eve is both possible and practical. This might be why these midday mock-midnight New Year's Eve-Day parties are catching on.



At midday at the stroke of 12:00 pm, there were at least two places in the Tri-Town holding a celebratory space for the populations that find it the hardest to stay awake to welcome the

New Year: those who've experienced the fewest years, and those who've racked up the most.

At the Elizabeth Taber Library on December 31, Children's Librarian Rosemary Grey welcomed the youngest partygoers to a festive gathering in the children's room with party hats and tiaras, horns, prize poppers, cookies, and a little bubbly apple juice for a "pretend it's midnight" party.

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she welcomed the steady trickling-in of guests.

It was an intimate assembly of half-a-dozen little girls and their parents and grandparents who enjoyed some coloring, puzzles, snacks, and some books, of course.

After a few first lessons in celebratory horn blowing, everyone gathered around the big screen for a visual countdown to the start of the unofficial 2020 New Year.

Over in Rochester, the Council on Aging hosted its annual New Year's Eve-Day party at the Senior Center where guests enjoyed their own version of a mock-midnight party with Chinese takeout, a round of non-alcoholic bubbly, and a barrage of noisemaker clatter all

their own.

"I'm a Chef, Not a Baker..."

By Marilou Newell

Colby Rottler of Mattapoisett is a chef, not a baker. This was professed clearly on December 29 when he gave a presentation on cooking at the Mattapoisett Public Library. Nonetheless, he was not always a chef.

His first career – and one that he was involved in for decades – was as a banker. But like many people who are good at analytical pursuits, he had a creative part in his brain that wasn't being fully exercised.

All that changed when Rottler and his wife attended a dinner at a culinary school. He became enthralled with the manner in which the students presented the dishes they had made: food as theater, food as nutrition, food as gifts one gives to another.

"I told my wife, 'I think I want to go to culinary school,'" he said with a wide grin. He was in his early 50s; today he is a well-seasoned chef, pun intended.

"My kids came to my graduation from Johnson and Wales," Rottler said. And while he might have been a bit of a curiosity to the other students in his class, as well as the president of the school, Rottler shined. He was in his element.

"The president said, 'You're pretty old for this,'" Rottler remembered. But as an honor student, he was also one of the best. "It was a fun thing to do."

Today, Rottler teaches classes at Upper Cape Regional Technical High School, primarily in food safety where he hammers home the importance of cleanliness in the kitchen.



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"Wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands!" he repeated.

Rottler's style of cooking isn't fussy, making the home cook feel at ease attempting new twists on old favorites such as meatloaf or macaroni and cheese, which he fed to the participants on this date. Those "comfort foods," along with apple crumble and a soup he called "pasta fagioli" scented the air in the library's conference room. It made a gray winter afternoon feel very warm and cozy.

As for spices, Rottler said that, as a whole, New Englander's don't like the hot spices commonly found in traditional New Orleans dishes. He recommends using a small amount of some hot spices such as cayenne pepper.

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"You can always add more, but you can't take any out," he cautioned.

Imparting more practical wisdom, Rottler said that while he has a large library of cookbooks, which he said he "loved", he does tap into the worldwide library of culinary delights via the Internet.

"I can travel through thousands of recipes," he said.

Rottler encouraged his audience to try different things, explore unafraid, and use up leftovers – but not after five days. Food safety dictates that leftovers should be tossed out after about five days, he said.

Above anything, Rottler is sensible when it comes to food preparation, telling everyone that expensive

spices, unless used regularly, aren't worth the investment and that many canned items, especially vegetables, may be used when making a main course such as a hearty soup. For his meatloaf recipe, he shared one of the ingredients: dry onion soup mix.

When buying fresh fruits for his apple crumble, his Yankee thriftiness shown through once again.

"I buy whatever apples are on sale," said Rottler.

As the participants lined up to sample the foods warming over the hot plates, Rottler continued to emphasize the concepts of food as a creative journey of trying different flavor combinations. After all, what's the worst that can happen?

"Just throw it out. Don't beat yourself up," he said, and "Try again."

On the point of being a chef, not a baker, Rottler explained, "Nay, I'm a chef – bakers are chemists!"

Rottler can be found cooking for various church venues in the Tri-Town area, as well as continuing as an instructor, imparting his culinary wisdom to the next generation of chefs. But he hasn't given up completely on the financial side of life: he is an appointed member of Mattapoisett's Finance Committee.

Head Start for the Box Turtle

By George B. Emmons

The box turtle is a common and colorful member of the terrestrial tortoise family. It has an ornate orange decorative shell with bony plates hinging at the bottom to retract its legs and head for protection against predators. Because it is slow and vulnerable, thousands of these placid turtles are killed crossing highways every year or are collected from the wild as pets by children.

Taking a turtle from the wild is not recommended, as many will eventually die from the stress of having been removed from their habitat.

Turtles appeal to youngsters, possibly because they read *Aesop's Fables* about the Tortoise and the Hare, a moral lesson of ancient Greek mythology written 2,000 years ago. Aesop's fable taught that achievement of impossible goals, as a turtle winning a race with a hare, could be achieved by youngster determination.

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A box turtle can live as long as 50 and possibly even 100 years; however, the box turtle is listed as a threatened species. The most hazardous part of this lifetime relay into longevity is the starting point of the laying of the egg and into the hatching phase when they

strike off on their own.

As illustrated, they are so small and visibly vulnerable enough to be easily taken by minks, skunks, raccoons, dogs, rodents, and even by crows



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The relay race of the box turtle against extinction has surprisingly turned a corner, thanks in part to some local high school students who have been handed a remarkable educational baton of life-giving learning. Inside the laboratory of nearby Bristol County



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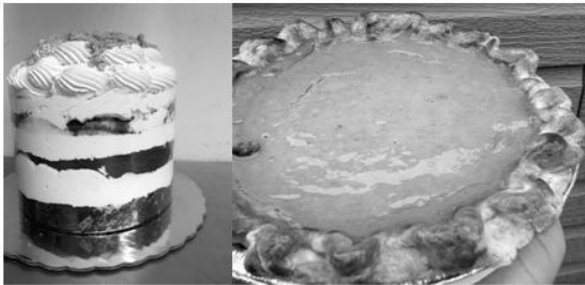
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Agricultural High School, turtles are being hatched, fed, and raised during the winter and then released, when much larger, into the wild the following spring. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is overseeing the effort as a possible augmentation of state and federal fish hatcheries. It may be only fitting that the youth are the ones weaving a safety net to fall back on, in case the threatened box turtle grows nearer to becoming endangered.

The popular box turtle is among the oldest reptiles in the world, going back to the end of the Cenozoic geological age. This was the very beginning of life on Earth for all living creatures. It is said that the reptiles were among those that first crawled up on dry land out of the oceanic primordial soup.

The future of ancient life on this planet may be supplemented and saved by the next generation of students of environmental awareness.

Local Girl Competes in Foot Locker Championship By Marilou Newell

Margot Appleton hasn't been running cross-country races very long, but she is already gaining national recognition for her ability to put her best foot forward.

The Mattapoissett native is a junior at Portsmouth Abbey where she attends high school. Appleton is not new to competitive sports, having been a competitive swimmer in the recent past. And while she has been running throughout high school, including coming in third in her category a couple of years ago in the Mattapoissett 4th of July Road Race, cross-country running is still a new challenge for her.

As Appleton's mother Sarah shared with a chuckle, "She has been toiling away in obscurity."

It looks like that is about to change, Mom.

During the Foot Locker qualifying races, which were held in four regions of the US in November, Appleton was selected to run the Northeast qualifier held in Van Cortland Park, New York. She came in sixth in her category.

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10," Appleton confided. "But I was not necessarily expecting it to happen because the Northeast has no many fast girls."



She placed 21st last year, but this year she came in much earlier, which bolstered her resolve.

"I am hoping to come in top 10 again next year," she said.

This past summer, Appleton added swimming to her training routine along with running just about seven days a week. All of that hard work paid off. Having ranked in the top 10 in the Northeast region,

Appleton qualified for the national event held in San Diego on December 14.

The Foot Locker Cross Country National Championships began in 1979 when the company was called Kinney Shoes and owned by F. W. Woolworth. Corporate moves through the decades renamed the event and changed it to Foot Locker in 1993.



It is the longest-running national cross-country race for high school students.

The top ten student runners from each of the four regions, 40 girls and 40 boys, are invited to San Diego for the event. The students are primarily selected from preparatory high schools.

Appleton said they arrived in San Diego several days ahead of the race.

"I did not feel my best leading up to or during the race," she said, "but it was an opportunity to race with some of the fastest girls in the country, so I tried to make the most of it."

Even though it was a difficult challenge, she said, "I had so much fun."

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Appleton finished in 22nd place with a time of 18:07.3 – just about a minute behind the winner, Marlee Starliper from Wellsville, Pennsylvania, with a time of 17:03.6.

In fact, it was the first time any female runner has come in at 17 minutes, and the first time two female runners had done so. Sydney Masciarelli from Northbridge, Massachusetts, came in at 17:18.7.

Appleton will, no doubt, be striving to improve her pace. After all, she did exceptionally well, given her health wasn't the best at the time. My bet is she'll shave seconds off that time, next time.

Indicted Refuse Director Ray Pickles Dies

By Jean Perry

Former executive director of the Carver, Marion, Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District and Marion's former executive secretary, town clerk, assessor, and building commissioner Ray Pickles died on December 20 just two days after turning 86, according to an obituary posted by Bartlett Funeral Home.

Pickles was facing criminal charges that stemmed from his role as the executive director for the Carver/Marion/Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District, a position he held for 28 years.

The board that oversees the CMWRRDD terminated Pickles' employment in February 2018 after a number of financial inconsistencies surfaced, which was

followed by a civil lawsuit alleging that Pickles had stolen over \$800,000 since 2012.

Pickles was indicted by a grand jury on March 18, 2019, and charged with six counts of Grand Larceny for allegedly stealing \$675,000, punishable by up to five years in state prison, a fine of up to \$25,000, or imprisonment in jail for up to two years.

Pickles was to face a trial by a jury of his peers beginning on February 24, 2020.

A representative from Attorney General Maura Healy's office told *The Wanderer* on December 30 that the office is aware of Pickles' passing and is currently reviewing the case. The process will involve an official filing of Pickles' death certificate with the court and will likely result in the eventual dismissal of the charges.

Criminal charges against former Carver Health Agent and former CMWRRDD Board Chairman Robert Tinkham, Jr., however, will still move ahead.

Tinkham faces one count of Grand Larceny and one count of Presentation of False Claims.

Pickles is survived by his wife, Diane Bondi-Pickles, 67, who is also named as a defendant in the CMWRRDD's civil suit.

Bondi-Pickles was listed as the president of the now-defunct Moss Hollow Management, Inc., the corporate entity under which Pickles operated and was paid since 2000, even after June of 2017 when it was involuntarily dissolved by the Secretary of State's Corporations Division.

As far as the CMWRRDD Board's civil suit against Pickles, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 228, Section 7 states that if a defendant in a personal action dies before final judgment, "...the action may be prosecuted by the surviving... defendant, as the case may be. If all... defendants die, the action may be... defended by or against the executor or administrator of the last surviving... defendant, respectively."

Pickles, a Marion resident, was still serving as town clerk when the civil suit was filed, and the Board of Selectmen asked Pickles to resign from his town clerk position back in April 2019 after criminal charges were filed.

Town Meeting subsequently voted to de-fund the town clerk position for the 2020 fiscal year, and Pickles eventually resigned on September 3, 2019, due to health issues.

Selectmen Call Another Special Town Meeting

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

The Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen has scheduled another Special Town Meeting for January 14 in order to amend the language of one part of a warrant article adopted at the October 21, 2019 Special Town Meeting.

Article 20 as a whole authorized the town to

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The article specified that the work would only proceed if the town received two particular grants – a Mass Works Grant from the state and a federal US Economic Development Grant for a grand total of \$1,470,000; however, according to Town Administrator Michael Gagne, the town only received the US Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$750,000.

The amendment proposed deleting the section

specifying that the work would only proceed pending the two named grants and adding in the following: “The Town’s share of the project cost \$1,665,000 must be matched dollar for dollar from Federal and State Grant/Funding sources to be used towards the project.”

“The feds are very strict about having all your authorizations in place,” said Gagne on December 27. He called the article amendment a “housekeeping” matter and confirmed that the town’s bond counsel has approved the new language.

Gagne is still optimistic that the town will be awarded a state grant within the \$650,000-\$750,000 range.

“We think we have the strong possibility of getting some more grant money from the state,” Gagne stated. “We’re working closely with the state and our representative and it looks like we may have some money as early as July 1.”

According to Gagne, an additional \$50,000 in funding has been offered from the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path.

Gagne said the delay in the possible receipt of the state grant would not impact the timeline of the project, adding that the design plans should reach 75-percent completion by the end of the month, and the permitting process should proceed come February.

“[January 14] is not the greatest time to have a town meeting,” commented Gagne, but if the town can get a special town meeting quorum of 50, he said, the project would be \$750,000 closer to fruition.

The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on January 14 at Old Hammondtown School.

The next regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for January 14 at 7:00 pm at Old Hammondtown School following the Special Town Meeting.

Cougars Goal: Refinement

High School Sports Update

By Nick Friar

Old Colony boys basketball is playing well, but they are far from satisfied.

For the Cougars, the 2019-2020 year was going to



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present a challenge the program hadn't dealt with over the last four seasons. That's because the Cougars' roster doesn't feature **Jake Jason** for the first time since the Old Colony alum was in the eighth grade.

But the Cougars have responded well to his departure. **JoJo Cortez** and **Hunter Soares** were major contributors for Old Colony's 2018-19 team and so far have taken charge of the team this year. As of now, the Cougars are 3-1 and have defeated Coyle Cassidy by over 40 points and Bristol-Plymouth 64-33 in their latest matchup, a game in which Cortez scored 21 and knocked down four 3-pointers.

"[JoJo] shot extremely well," Old Colony coach Matt Trahan said about his point guard's performance against the Craftsmen. "Our defense played well. We crashed the glass like we like too, and we got out on the run. We scored in bunches and played sound defense."

However, Trahan and his players got together on the morning of New Year's Eve. They wanted to tighten up a few things.

Even though they've won by significant margins, the Cougars identify there is plenty of room to improve.

"We're playing well, the problem is there's things within the game that need to be done in a cleaner fashion," Trahan said. "We turned the ball far too much in our last game. It really kind of left a bad taste in my mouth."

"We're just kind of holding the kids accountable for – yeah, great you won the game, but we're still not playing to our ability, so we got back in the gym [Tuesday] and kind of corrected some things," continued Trahan. "We certainly need to work on taking care of the ball and protecting the possessions."

Part of what's led to the Cougars' turnovers has been the team's unselfishness. Old Colony doesn't solely rely on Soares or Cortez to provide the offense. Soares wasn't even Old Colony's second-highest scorer in the win over Bristol-Plymouth. (**Jarrett Taylor** scored 11 and **Ryan Scott** had eight).

But when the game is on the line or Old Colony's opponent is taking control of the contest, the Cougars will need Cortez or Soares to take control.

"They've already proven to me that anybody at any time can take the ball and really make it happen."



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They're really unselfish... It's a fine line. You don't want to be selfish, but there are times where they have to know, 'I have to take it on my own,'" Trahan said. "I think they know it's going to be JoJo or Hunter who's going to take that final shot."

Unselfishness is not a problem that Trahan minds, though. Ultimately, that approach should make it easier for the Cougars to work toward their greater goal of being a more refined team by the end of the year.

"I'd say that we're a very talented team that definitely has the ability to mature throughout the season and can certainly fill up the basket," Trahan said. "But we need to do all those things that kind of make us - we want to play clean basketball. We're not there yet."

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ORRJH Students of the Month

Silas D. Coellner, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announces the following Students of the Month for November 2019:

- Green Team: **Cattarinha Nunes** and **Andrew Porter**
- Orange Team: **Hanna Whalley** and **Felix Watt**
- Blue Team: **Colton Churchill** and **Katherine McIlmail**
- Red Team: **Patricia Spillane-Frutes** and **Nicholas Huaco**
- Special Areas: **Ella Charron** and **Nolan Bushnell**

Falmouth Academy Head of School List

Falmouth Academy has announced its Head of School List for academic achievement in the first trimester of the 2019-20 school year. Students named to the list have earned at least three A's and no grade below B-minus for the trimester that ended November 26, 2019. Falmouth



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Tri-Town students named to the list include:

Lyric Beecher '25, daughter of Jena Beecher and Peter Cacace of Marion
Aubryn Dubois '25, daughter of Christin Dubois of Rochester
Elizabeth Feeney '25, daughter of Kristin and Michael Feeney of Marion
Jackson Gierhart '25, son of Karen and Jack Gierhart of Marion
Camden Jeppson '25, son of Jennifer and Erik Jeppson of Rochester
Athena Kettner '25, daughter of Deborah Kettner of Mattapoisett
Jack McGinnis '25, son of Karen and David McGinnis of Marion
Reid Reimold '25, son of Kristen and Rya Reimold of Marion
Tessa Sperry '25, daughter of Steph and Matt Sperry of Marion
Curtis Johnson '24, son of Lauren De Simon and Clint Johnson of Marion
Patrick Shachoy '24, son of Laura Ryan and Jamey Shachoy of Marion
Benjamin Giumetti '23, son of Shannon and Donald Giumetti of Mattapoisett

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Sippican Historical Society

In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion's historic homes and buildings. The survey was funded half by the Sippican Historical Society and half by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Due to the limits of funding, not all of the historic buildings were surveyed, but over 100 were cataloged and photographed. The results of the survey are in digital form on the Massachusetts Historical Commission's website and in four binders in the Sippican Historical Society's office (and at the Marion Town Clerk's

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Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. The Sippican Historical Society will feature one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture.

This installment features 533 Mill Street. Route 6 existed as a Native American coastal trail for centuries before the first English settlement of Marion in 1679.



The Cape Cod home at 533 Mill Street was built in 1818, but is said to incorporate a room that dates to the late 17th century. The first identified owner of this home was Barnabas Holmes. He was a Quaker school teacher descended from Isaac Holmes, one of the original members of a local Congregational Church founded by Rev. Samuel Arnold in 1703. Barnabas Holmes and his wife, Sarah, left considerable property to the Town of Marion. The Holmes estate left \$2,000 to the Old Landing Cemetery Association to "beautify the cemetery in which my family is buried".

Open Table

The next Open Table will be on Friday, **January 10** in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Come celebrate the New Year with a delicious hot meal. There's no charge for the meal, although donations are gratefully accepted. Doors open at 4:30 pm and supper will be served at 5:00 pm. This is a community event and everyone is welcome.

Free Job Coaching Sessions at the Mattapoisett Library

Looking to change careers or to get back into the workforce? Executive coach Debbie Pickup is offering free one-on-one sessions over six weeks at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. Interested persons can sign up to meet for resume assistance, interview skill-building, and other career support by calling the library at 508-758-4171 or emailing spizzolato@sailsinc.org. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 pm beginning on **January 7**. Sign up for one or more sessions and receive discreet support and skill building to meet your career goals.

Debbie Pickup has an extensive background in healthcare, human resources, and coaching. As a career coach, Debbie has helped individuals align their

professional goals with personal values by building awareness and creating action plans that deliver results. Her coaching style is that of an objective listener who provides straightforward feedback encouraging individuals to view things differently in support of their goals and strategy for change. She holds a Master's of Science degree in Management and a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from Salve Regina University in Newport. She was certified as a Senior Professional in Human Resources and is a certified Myers-Briggs practitioner.

Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, Jan 6: Sweet & sour meatballs, bow tie pasta, oriental vegetable blend, dinner roll, peaches

Tuesday, Jan 7: Portuguese chicken, dirty rice, Jadinieri blend, multigrain roll, applesauce

Wednesday, Jan 8: Shepherd's pie, peas & mushrooms, oatmeal roll, pears

Thursday, Jan 9: Roast turkey w/ gravy. Cranberry sauce (2), mashed potato, winter squash, whole wheat bread, chocolate chip cookie, diet: graham wafers

Friday, Jan 10: Hot dog, mustard, relish, baked beans, cabbage & carrots, hot dog roll, cinnamon apples

Young Adult Programs at the Mattapoisett Library

On Saturday, **January 18** at 1:00 pm, join us for Sharpie Mug Decorating. A family-friendly event, we will provide the supplies and you will just need to bring the talent. Please register before January 11 to ensure we have enough supplies.

On Saturday, **January 25** at 1:00 pm, Dungeons and Dragons will meet again to continue their quest. New players always welcome, and this session is recommended for ages 12 and up.

Game Lounge will be open Wednesday, **January 8** and Tuesday, **January 21** at 4:00 pm. Craft Tuesday continues every Tuesday at 4:00 pm with a new craft. Stop by for some fun and a quick craft!

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Finger Knitting on Tuesdays at Center School starting February 4, is open to Grades 1-6. Yoga on Thursdays at Center School open to Grades K-3 starts January 9. Author's Workshop is on Tuesdays at Center School and begins on January 7. Center School Robotics is on Thursday afternoons and OHS Robotics is on Tuesdays – both have limited spots available. A new program, Creative Clay, is on Mondays at Center School and is open to Grades K-3 starting January 13. More information and online registration is available at www.mattrec.net

TechConnect Series Continues: Universal Class

The Mattapoisett Library's monthly technology workshop series continues on **January 14** at 5:00 pm with the free online service Universal Class. Universal Class offers over 500 courses, including: career training, business, finance, homeschooling, personal development, and more. Universal Class is an approved IACET Authorized Provider and can be an easy solution to getting the Continuing Education Units. This workshop will go over how to navigate the site and how to get the most out of the service. Please register by January 7. Universal Class could turn 2020 into a year for personal improvement.

All programs are free and open to the public. If special accommodations are needed, please contact the library at 508-758-4171 for assistance.

Mattapoisett Christmas Tree Disposal

Christmas tree pick-up in Mattapoisett is scheduled for the weeks of **January 6** through **January 17**. Christmas trees should be placed curbside by 7:00 am

on the day of your regularly scheduled rubbish pick-up. Trees are also accepted at the Transfer Station on Tinkham Hill Road. Trees in plastic bags or with ornaments will not be picked up. If you have any questions please contact the Mattapoisett Highway Department at 508-758-4181.

Route 6 Corridor Study Meeting

The Southeastern Regional Planning Economic Development District (SRPEDD) will hold a public session to present and discuss the completed traffic analysis and gather input from Marion residents and business owners on possible designs and future improvements for the Route 6 corridor. The meeting will be held on **January 6** at 6:00 pm in the Sippican School Auditorium, 16 Spring Street in Marion.

The study, initiated by Marion's Transportation and Circulation Task Force, in cooperation with the towns of Marion, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett and Wareham and MassDOT District 5, is examining the existing conditions on Route 6 and determining what future improvements can be considered for a safer and more inviting roadway for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The Route 6 corridor runs approximately 13 miles from Route 240 in Fairhaven to High Street in Wareham.

Phase 2 of the Route 6 study, which focused on possibilities for future improvement, is now complete. The design alternatives will attempt to balance the need to accommodate future traffic and improve safety while providing better features and safer access for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Phase 1, which collected data on existing conditions and gathered general input from community members regarding their concerns, was completed in November 2018.

For more information on the project, please visit the Town of Marion's website or the SRPEDD Route 6 Corridor Study Home Page.

South Coast Chamber Music Series

The South Coast Chamber Music Series (SCCMS) presents a weekend of Beethoven to mark the legendary composer's 250th birthday. The program for "Beethoven CCL" includes his Second Symphony – for piano trio – as well as his G Major violin and piano sonata of 1803, which honors the traditions of Mozart and Haydn while gently "rocking the boat." The program closes with a kaleidoscope of emotions in the dramatic and theatrical C Minor Quartet, which demonstrates why Beethoven is truly immortal and forever beloved.

On Saturday, **January 25**, the Chamber Music performance will take place in Marion at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church (124 Front Street). On Sunday, **January 26**, the venue is in South Dartmouth at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (351 Elm Street). Both concerts begin at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 at the door or pre-purchase online at <https://nbsymphony.org/chamber-series-season/>.



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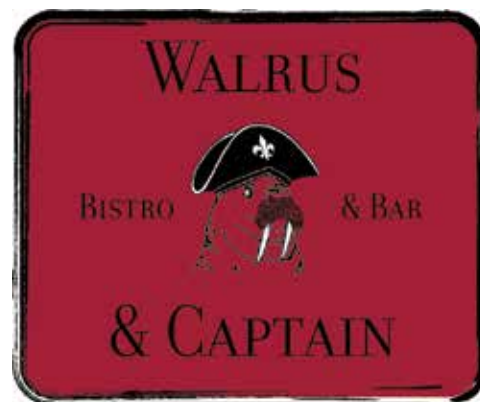
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Call for Entries

The Marion Art Center announces a call for entries for its Winter Members' Show. Any current MAC member is invited to participate and can submit up to three works for the exhibition. All art must be original - of the artist's own design and creation - and prepared for installation. Drop off date for works is scheduled on Tuesday, **January 7** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The show runs from **January 10** through **February 15, 2020**. Please contact the Marion Art Center for more information at 508-748-1266.

NBSO Presents All John Williams

On Saturday, **January 11**, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and Music Director Yaniv Dinur present All John Williams, a pops concert featuring the iconic music of one of the greatest film composers of our time. For over 60 years, the legendary John Williams has been writing unforgettable music for films such as Star Wars, E.T., Harry Potter, Jurassic Park, and so many more. The NBSO will celebrate his genius in a live performance of some of the most recognizable and popular pieces from his more than 100 film scores.

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Mariner Youth Soccer Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Mariner Youth Soccer Association will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, **January 23** at the Fairhaven Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Ave, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

The Solstice Singers

The Solstice Singers present "Sing We Noël," a pageant of carols and songs, instrumental music, drama and dance in the style of the Renaissance. The performance will take place on the 11th day of Christmas, Saturday, **January 4** at 4:00 pm at the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough at 25 South Main Street. The concert is followed by a hearty soup and dessert supper, plus raffles.

Performed in colorful, period costumes, the program is a celebration of Christmas and the winter Solstice, woven around the symbolism of trees and nature. Says Susan Hotchkiss, performer and Music Director at First UU Middleboro, "Mother Nature is a natural theme for solstice celebrations, and it threads its way through this year's performance in musical selections, a mysterious medieval dance, a unique mummers' play, poetry, and fables."

The Solstice Singers will be joined by members of Ensemble Passacaglia, performing on beautiful period instruments including strings, winds, and percussion. In addition to accompanying the singers, Passacaglia will perform instrumental music throughout the program. Passacaglia was formed in 2001 to accompany the Solstice Singers and has been a key ingredient in programs ever since. Like the Solstice Singers, Passacaglia balances historical authenticity with contemporary vitality and



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This year's show features holiday music that ranges from the contemplative to the downright rowdy. On the more serene side are beautiful compositions by Palestrina (Sicut Cervus) and De Victoria (O Magnum Mysterium), while the other end of the spectrum includes Ave Color Vini Clari, a medieval drinking song. Popular songs include Boar's Head Carol, Twelve Days of Christmas, What Wondrous Love Is This, and other favorites.

The program contains a mummers' play, in which life is struck down by forces of evil (representing winter) only to spring to life again at the hands of a magical healer (representing rebirth in the spring). This year's



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play is written by Lisa Jo Rudy, Falmouth playwright and director, with a topical contemporary theme.

The show and supper event is scheduled for **January 4** at 4:00 pm, with a snow date of **January 5** at 4:00 pm. The UU Middleboro church is accessible to people with disabilities. Suggested donation is \$20 general admission and \$40 Family Plan for one or two adults with school-age children. Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information and reservations, please call the church office at 508-947-1935.

Formed in 1992 under the guidance of the late Patricia C. Brown, the Solstice Singers has performed under the direction of Lore Lofffield De Bower of Woods Hole since 2001. The group's primary mission is to provide community enrichment by performing music in the style of the Renaissance. The singers, some of whom have been with the group since its inception, come from Cape Cod and southeastern Massachusetts.

Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Lions Club, a member of Lions International the world's largest service club organization consisting of 45,000 clubs and more than 1.3 million members worldwide, is pleased to announce the availability of two (2) \$ 2,500 scholarships to be awarded this year to a graduating high school senior or homeschooled student residing in Mattapoisett, Marion or Rochester.

The funds for the Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship are raised through fundraisers held by the Mattapoisett Lions Club throughout the year, including Harbor Days, an annual Arts and Craft Festival held in Shipyard Park, Mattapoisett every third weekend in July.

The Lion's Club motto is "We Serve". One of the largest charitable causes of Lion's International includes raising funds for eye research in an effort to end preventable blindness throughout the world, eradicating measles worldwide in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and here at home, providing services for those in need in our communities.

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To obtain an application, learn more about this Award, or to learn how to become a member of the Lions Club, visit www.mattapoissettlionsclub.org. Award applications are also available through the guidance department at your high school.

Applications must be received by **March 21, 2020**.

Marion Art Center

Auditions at the Marion Art Center – The Marion Art Center has announced open auditions for all roles in the March production of Ken Ludwig's *The Fox on the Fairway*, directed by Stephanie LeBlanc. Auditions will be held Sunday, **January 5** from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and Tuesday, **January 7** from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Marion Art Center, located at 80 Pleasant Street Marion, MA at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets. Performances are scheduled on **March 13-15** and **March 19-22, 2020**.

A tribute from playwright Ken Ludwig (*Be My Baby*) to the great English farces of the 1930s and 1940s, *The Fox on the Fairway* takes audiences on a hilarious romp, which pulls the rug out from underneath the stuffy denizens of a private country club. Filled with mistaken identities, slamming doors, and over-the-top romantic shenanigans, it's a furiously paced comedy that recalls the



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Mary E. (Molloy) Tapper, 91, of Mattapoisett, formerly of New Bedford, passed away peacefully on Tuesday December 24, 2019 at Sippican Healthcare Center surrounded by her loving family. She was the wife of the late Robert F. Tapper.

Born in Torbay, Newfoundland, the daughter of the late William and Mary (Manning) Molloy, she lived in New Bedford for most of her life, before moving to Mattapoisett.

Mrs. Tapper was an active communicant of Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, where she had been a member of the Ladies Guild, the church choir, and the Parish Council.

She is survived by three sons, James Tapper, Robert Tapper, Jr., and Francis Tapper and his wife Patricia; three daughters, Angela Natho, Patricia Saunders and her husband Stephen, and Mary Quinn and her husband Charles; her siblings, John Molloy and his wife Kathleen, Catherine Coady, Theresa Parsons and her husband John, Sister Frances Molloy, Shirley Thorne, Joseph Molloy and his wife Sandy; her sisters-in-law, Pauline Molloy and Peachy Molloy; 18 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her daughter-in-law, Patsy Tapper; her son-in-law, Carl Natho; her siblings, Robert Molloy and his wife Mary, William Molloy, James Molloy, Patricia Grace and her husband John; and her brothers-in-law, Francis Thorne and James Coady.

Her family would like to thank Dr. Matthew Messina and the Staff of Sippican for the care received by their mother.

Her Funeral was held on Saturday Dec. 28th from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett, followed by her Funeral Mass at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 121 Mount Pleasant St., New Bedford. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery. Visiting hours were held on Friday Dec. 27th. For guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of **Ray Edwin Pickles**, 86, of Marion, MA. Ray passed away on December 20, 2019 at home surrounded by his loving family. Born in Providence, Rhode Island December 18, 1933, son of the late Frank Pickles and Mildred Ray.

Ray is survived by his loving wife, Diane Bondi-Pickles, loving children Christopher (Margaret) Pickles; Justine (Nick Vardaro) Pickles; Leah Pickles, and granddaughter, Danika Vardaro. As well as his sister Lucille of St. Johnsbury, VT and late son Charles Arnold Ray Pickles.

During the Korean War Ray served in the US Army.

He then graduated from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston with a degree in Civil Engineering. Ray went on to have a long career in public service including 28 years as the Town Administrator for the Town of Marion, MA.

Ray had a passion for life and he embraced it fully. Ray was an avid skier, enjoyed the thrill and speed of car racing, and loved open water diving. Ray enjoyed many years of competitive sailboat racing including five Marion to Bermuda races. He also loved ocean cruising with his family along the Atlantic Coast. He was a loving and dedicated husband, father and friend.

Family and Friends are invited to attend Ray's Memorial Service at St. Gabriel's Church on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 11:00 am.



Roseanne Pittsley, 57 of Bourne formerly of Marion passed away on Monday December 16, 2019. Roseanne was born in Wareham the daughter of the late Robert and Rose Marie (Masterson), Pittsley, Sr. She was the loving companion of Stephen Lussier of Bourne.

She attended the Old Rochester Regional School District. She also enjoyed music, cats, birds and gaming. Rosanne was never afraid to get her hands dirty and was always ready to help repair any car.

She was the mother of Kevin Pittsley of East Wareham, Timothy Pittsley of Wareham and Travis Pittsley of Bourne. She was the sister of Robert Pittsley, Jr. of Maine, Russell Pittsley of Marion, Raymond Pittsley of Marion and Ramona Pittsley. She was the grandmother of Riley Pittsley and she was also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A celebration of her life will be held at later date to be announced. To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.warehamvillagefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Wareham Village Funeral Home 5 Center Street Wareham, MA 02571.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

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Director Stephanie LeBlanc will be casting three males and three females. Auditions will consist of a cold reading from the script. The ages listed are the ages of the characters provided in the text, but not necessarily the required age of the actors. The director welcomes anyone over the age of 18 to audition. The rehearsal schedule will be determined once the show is cast. Characters include: Henry Bingham – Country Club director, forties; Pamela Peabody – member at the Country Club, late thirties; Justin Hicks – Bingham's assistant, mid-twenties; Louise Heindbedder – waitress at the Country Club, early twenties; Dickie Bell – director of the rival Country Club, mid-forties; Murial Bingham – Bingham's wife and antique shop owner, forties.

For character descriptions or more information, please call the Marion Art Center at 508-748-1266 or contact Stephanie LeBlanc at spaq24@gmail.com. About the director: Stephanie LeBlanc (Paquette) is a local actor, director, and author. Stephanie works closely with The Collective and Your Theatre and has collaborated with Culture*Park and the Glass Horse Project. *The Fox on the Fairway* will be her first production with the Marion Art Center.

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7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Senior Moment
8:30 AM Marijuana on Future Success
9:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Health Source
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Dropkick Kitchen
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Chundria Show
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Racism in America - Being a Muslim in America
4:00 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Building the Future
5:30 PM Registers Report
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
7:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
8:00 PM Science 360
8:30 PM Money Matters TV
9:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
9:30 PM Dukes of Sports
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Friday January 3, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Health Source
8:00 AM 30 Medical Minutes
8:30 AM The Art of Being Human
9:00 AM Your Yoga Moment
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM Building the Future
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Fox Robbins - Small Business Financing (Part 1)
3:00 PM Fox Robbins - Small Business Financing (Part 2)
3:30 PM Natasha - Mass Shootings
4:00 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Arts Alive
5:30 PM In the Toy Box
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle
7:00 PM The Chundria Show
7:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
8:00 PM Gay USA
9:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!

10:00 PM Kamia Show
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday January 4, 2020

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons
9:00 AM What's New? Massachusetts
9:30 AM Perils for Pedestrians
10:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Mental Health Matters
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Kamia Show
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Arts Alive
3:30 PM Money Talk
4:00 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM This is America & The World
5:30 PM The Chundria Show
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle
7:00 PM The World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Youth Suicide
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Sound Off
9:30 PM Registers Report
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday January 5, 2020

6:00 AM Veterans Voice
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester - December 22, 2019
10:00 AM Mind Matters
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Art of Being Human
11:30 AM Health Source
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Dropkick Kitchen
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Cape Conversation
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Racism in America - Being Muslim in America
4:00 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Lucy's World of Painting
5:30 PM The Kamia Show
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Off the Shelf
7:00 PM Perils for Pedestrians
7:30 PM Dukes of Sports
8:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
9:30 PM Ghost Chronicles
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Monday January 6, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Health Talk
8:30 AM The Art of Being Human
9:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
9:30 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
10:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Keep Talking
11:30 AM Cape Conversation
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM The Cutting Board
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Learning Music with Pat
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
3:00 PM Arts Alive
3:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
4:00 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Natasha - Addiction Treatment in Jail
5:30 PM Off the Shelf
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
7:30 PM The Chundria Show
8:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
9:00 PM Deutsche Welle
9:30 PM Fox Robbins - Seed Corp Small Business Financing (Part 1)
10:00 PM Fox Robbins - Seed Corp Small Business Financing (Part 2)
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday January 7, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM 30 Medical Minutes
8:00 AM Health Talk
8:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM Your Yoga Moment
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Mind Your Business
11:30 AM Cape Conversation
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Dropkick Kitchen
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Learning Music with Pat
3:00 PM Sound Off
4:00 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
5:30 PM Money Matters TV
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
8:00 PM Science 360
8:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
9:00 PM Gay USA
10:00 PM Legal Ease

10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday January 8, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Senior Moment
8:00 AM Health Source
8:30 AM Art of Being Human
9:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM This is America & The World
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
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6:30 PM Building the Future
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle
7:30 PM The Kamia Show
8:00 PM Dukes of Sports
9:00 PM Science 360
9:30 PM Suicide Prevention in Massachusetts
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

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7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectman - December 17, 2019
7:45 AM Marion Board of Health - December 12, 2019
8:00 AM Marion Planning Board - December 16, 2019
9:03 AM ORR School Committee - December 11, 2019
11:30 AM ORR Joint School Committee - December 12, 2019
1:03 PM Marion Conservation Commission - December 11, 2019
4:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - December 12, 2019
5:00 PM Marion Board of Selectman - December 17, 2019
5:43 PM Marion Board of Health - December 12, 2019
6:00 PM Marion Planning Board - December 16, 2019
7:03 PM ORR School Committee - December 11, 2019
9:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee - December 12, 2019
11:03 PM Marion Conservation Commission - December 11, 2019

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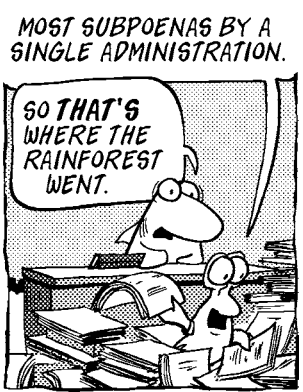
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8:03 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - December 16, 2019
8:30 PM ORR School Committee - December 11, 2019
11:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - December 17, 2019

EDUCATION CHANNEL Comcast Channel 97 Verizon Channel 37 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Sipican Retirement Assembly - Mrs. Santos
8:05 AM RMS Holiday Concert - December 19, 2019
9:00 AM ORR Girls Basketball vs Falmouth - December 23, 2019
10:05 AM Center School Holiday Concert - December 18, 2019
10:36 AM Sipican Choral Society Christmas Concert - December 8, 2019
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM OC 8th Grade Exploratory 2019 (Day 1)
1:00 PM OC 8th Grade Exploratory 2019 (Day 2)
1:30 PM OC 8th Grade Exploratory 2019 (Day 3)
2:00 PM Rochester Annual Tree Lighting 2019
2:30 PM ORRUHS Winter Concert - December 18, 2019
3:04 PM Chuck McIntyre "I Am Autistic" presentation - November 20, 2019
4:30 PM Sipican Retirement Assembly - Mrs. Santos
5:05 PM RMS Holiday Concert - December 19, 2019
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Falmouth - December 23, 2019
7:35 PM Center School Holiday Concert - December 18, 2019
8:06 PM Sipican Choral Society Christmas Concert - December 8, 2019
9:30 PM Old Hammondton Holiday Concert - December 11, 2019
10:04 PM Tri-County Symphonic Orchestra Annual Children's Concert 2019
11:06 PM Marion Music Hall Presents - "Musicians and their Artwork"

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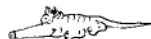
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Beginning Drawing – Registration is now open for several classes in 2020, including the newly added five-week Beginning Drawing course. Instructor Catherine Carter will lead the class on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, February 4 through March 3. In this course, students will learn the basics of realistic drawing using

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The Taber Library knows that it's hard for the little ones to stay up until midnight on New Year's Eve, which is why Children's Librarian Rosemary Grey hosted a midday mock-midnight New year's Eve-Day party, complete with party tiaras, horns, snacks, and don't forget the bubbly apple juice! Photos by Jean Perry



Faith Ball shared these photos of an eagle that was sitting on an osprey nest in a marsh in Mattapoisett.



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Children's Art Lab – Don't miss out on Children's Art Lab at the MAC, beginning **January 15**. Art Lab programs include: Art + Music on Wednesday mornings beginning **January 15**, from 10:00 to 11:00 am in the MAC Studio, for children aged four and under, accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$125 for MAC members, \$145 for nonmembers, and there is a one-day drop-in option for \$20; Art in the Afternoon: Art is Magic on Friday afternoons beginning **January 24** from 3:00 to 4:00 pm, for children in grades 2-5. Cost is \$160 for MAC members and \$180 for nonmembers, with no drop-in option;

Mini-Camp at the MAC: Teeny, Tiny Worlds on Monday, **January 20** from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, (one day only) for ages 5-10. The cost is \$50 for MAC members and \$60 for nonmembers.

MAC Dance Academy begins Monday, **February 24** and runs through early May. Classes are available for children aged 2 ½ to 8 years. The cost is \$160 for MAC members and \$185 for nonmembers. Dance classes will run on Monday afternoons for ten sessions, with a final performance in the MAC Theater scheduled on Tuesday, May 5.

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The 16th Annual Christmas Day Swim for Helping Hands and Hooves took place under bright blue cloudless skies and a balmy 43 degrees as dozens of families and friends took the plunge at Mattapoisett Town Beach. Photos by Marilou Newell



Eric Dyson, Abbey Dyson, Debbie Dyson, and Frank Tebu manage the Christmas Day Swim.



Steve Chicco took these photos of the sunrise at Ned's Point on December 27.



Brendan Goss prepares to run into the chilly water



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FHS Class of 1960 Graduates

The reunion committee for the Fairhaven High School graduation class of 1960 is searching for contact information for the following classmates: Cynthia (Fleming) Bradley, Ann Bumpus, Joyce (Avila) Osborne, James Arruda, Barbara (Ellis) Lear, Kathie (Langlois) Rounds, Janet (Martin) Benjamin, Gerard Dumoulin, Joyce (Holmstrom) Picard, Margaret (Justley) Bartholomy, Louise (Valladoa) Selkove, and David Reid.

The reunion will be held in June of 2020. Any information helping us to connect to these classmates would be greatly appreciated. Please call Diane at 508-993-7378. If there is no answer, please leave a message.

Route 6 Corridor Study Meeting Date Change.

The Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) is wrapping up a study of Route 6 which spans from Route 240 in Fairhaven east to High Street in Wareham. The study area covers approximately 13 miles, six signalized intersections and includes a substantial number of residences, businesses, and institutional uses.

SRPEDD is holding two public meetings to present and discuss the future traffic analysis and potential roadway improvement alternatives for the Route 6 Corridor and to gather feedback. Anyone with experience traveling this corridor, and particularly the residents and business owners in the area, are invited to either of these public meetings to share information and experiences, ask questions and to express their opinions on their vision of Route 6. Both meetings will have the same content. Simply attend the one that fits your schedule better!

Please be advised that the date of the Marion Future Conditions Public Meeting will be held on January 6, 2020.

The next meeting date is Monday, **January 6, 2020**, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Sippican Elementary School. The school is located at 16 Spring Street in Marion.

Please note that all meeting locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. The Center School and Sippican School are served by the GATRA Wareham-

New Bedford Connection.

Children's Art Lab comes to the MAC

The Marion Art Center is pleased to welcome Children's Art Lab, with classes beginning on **January 8**. The Children's Art Lab is a mobile art studio that brings art, music, and exploration to children and families throughout the Southcoast region. Children can experiment with materials, get messy, and discover self-expression in a nurturing environment. Benares Angeley, founder and owner of Art Lab, has an MFA in Fiber Art from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and studied as a Core Fellow at Penland School of Crafts. Angeley has been working with children in creative art endeavors for more than twenty years and is inspired by children's exploration and art-making.

The MAC will host several Children's Art Lab programs beginning in early 2020. "Art + Music" is scheduled on Wednesday mornings beginning **January 8**, from 10:00 to 11:00 am in the MAC Studio. This eight-session program is for children four and under (must be accompanied by an adult) and includes music, movement, and creative art exploration. The cost is \$125 for MAC members, \$145 for nonmembers, and there is a one-day drop-in option for \$20.

Another eight-week program, "Art in the Afternoon: Art is Magic", is scheduled on Friday afternoons beginning **January 17** from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.



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MOVIE REVIEW

No Rest

By Rob Gonsalves
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1917. Starring George MacKay and Dean-Charles Chapman. Directed by Sam Mendes. Running time: 119 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in limited release; opens wide on January 10.

Watching the immersive World War I movie *1917* makes for a divided experience: it's a fine and compelling story, and the level of craft on all levels is unquestionable, but the mode of storytelling may hold us at a distance rather than immersing us. We're in Northern France, and a British general (hey look kids, it's Colin Firth!) assigns two corporals, Blake (Dean-Charles Chapman) and Schofield (George MacKay), to go deliver a message to keep a couple of battalions from walking into a German trap. In other words, in the middle of all this muck and death and gore, these two guys are sent off on a pacifist mission — with the added urgency that one of the soldiers who must be called back from the fight is Blake's brother.

All well and good. But director Sam Mendes (*American Beauty* and the last two Bond films) has chosen to construct *1917* as seemingly one unbroken shot (with a lot of digital trickery and one blackout). Sometimes this works to plunge us, as well as our two protagonists, into the inferno — we become an invisible third soldier, tagging along. Sometimes we even forget about the technique when the camerawork isn't so insistently clever and we're not wondering how many times certain lengthy takes had to be filmed if someone sneezed or blew a line. But some of it feels overextended; the suspense drains away and we're left to admire the filmmakers (including master cinematographer Roger Deakins and editor Lee Smith) as they strain mightily to accomplish ... what? The artifice of the unending take doesn't connect to anything thematically, and it's draining.

Chapman and especially MacKay convey grinding exhaustion, which, because of the filmmaking that wrenches us into lockstep with them, we share. They're not given much space or time to develop personalities, either attractive or repulsive. (If Mendes and co-writer Krysty Wilson-Cairns had chosen to make one of both of them annoying idiots nonetheless entrusted with a great mission, it might've been suicidal for the movie, but possibly interesting for a while.) The men are blanks by design: we're meant to project ourselves onto them. And though Mendes is probably too modern



a director to make the heroes stoic and brave, he also doesn't make them ugly or cowardly. They're meant, after all, as a tribute to Mendes' own grandfather, upon whose WWI experience (at least as he told it) *1917* is based. Generally, though, most of the war movies that might occur to you as great films weren't made to honor a specific veteran in the filmmaker's family. They were made to illuminate war, not the warrior.

Certain scenes, though lovely in passing or elaborately ghastly, seem to place themselves in competition with *Dunkirk* or *Paths of Glory* or Alejandro González Iñárritu's last two movies. Despite the technique (which Hitchcock's *Rope* inaugurated at feature length over 70 years ago), *1917* feels like a regression compared with Sam Mendes' previous war movie, or warrior-without-combat movie, 2005's *Jarhead*. That movie touched on a subject generally ignored by war pictures: the *boredom* of war, the stultifying existential dilemma of being trained to kill and then being thwarted from doing it. And yet, in the moment, our rarin'-to-go jarhead hero is caught between disappointment that he doesn't get to kill and relief that he doesn't *have* to kill. There's a lot more to unpack and chew on in a sarcastic, very Gen-X half-satire like *Jarhead* than there ever is in *1917*.

A film, or any work, can be extraordinarily well-wrought and still feel a bit pointless. An abundance of fiddly labor, little flicks of the wrist, all meant to leave us impressed by the challenge of the very doing of the work. Would *1917* work as well if edited conventionally? Well, its technique does give it a hurtling-along quality, a beat-the-clock pulse. And at certain points, we seem to be watching one of the corporals bob along down some rapids for minutes on end, and we feel we're getting sidetracked from the mission, just as the corporal is. Our impatience becomes incorporated into the suspense. Other times, though, we just feel impatient, and we have to gobble the fleeting hits of poetry or beauty as we run along with the corporals. *1917* uses its technique, finally, not to pull us into complicity with its characters but to deny us pleasure. It's self-important and ungenerous.

This program is geared toward children in grades 2-5 as a “weekly dose of art magic at the MAC” where children will explore potion-making, create spell books, practice drawing fantastic creatures, and more! Special arrangements can be made for students of Sippican Elementary who want to attend Art Lab at the MAC directly after school. Pricing for “Art in the Afternoon” is \$160 for MAC members and \$180 for nonmembers, with no drop-in option.

Art Lab at the MAC will also feature a one-day program, “Mini-Camp at the MAC: Teeny, Tiny Worlds”. This course is offered on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, **January 20** from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, for ages 5-10. On this school holiday, children will explore art making by creating from cardboard, tape, collage materials, and more. Structures such as teeny furniture, itty bitty clay food, people, and animals will be created to inhabit each child’s teeny, tiny world! Mini-camp cost is \$50 for MAC members and \$60 for nonmembers.

For more information, or to register for Art Lab at the MAC, visit the Marion Art Center online at marionartcenter.org/art-lab-at-the-mac. Children’s Art Lab remains at its current location in Mattapoisett through the end of the year.

Public Ice Skating at Tabor Academy

Once again, Tabor Academy has been generous and supportive of the many youth programs that the



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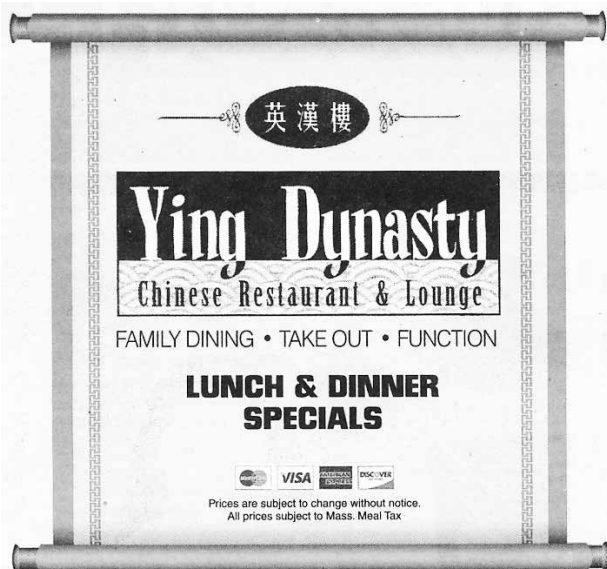
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6 Sang like a bird
13 Modify
19 Pages, e.g.
20 Stone Age tool
21 Simple shack
22 "Well ... hop to it!"
25 Pa's ma
26 Mega-years
27 Big record label, once
28 Angers
30 "Hamlet" monologue exhortation
38 Singer DiFranco
39 Skeletal bit
40 Told fibs
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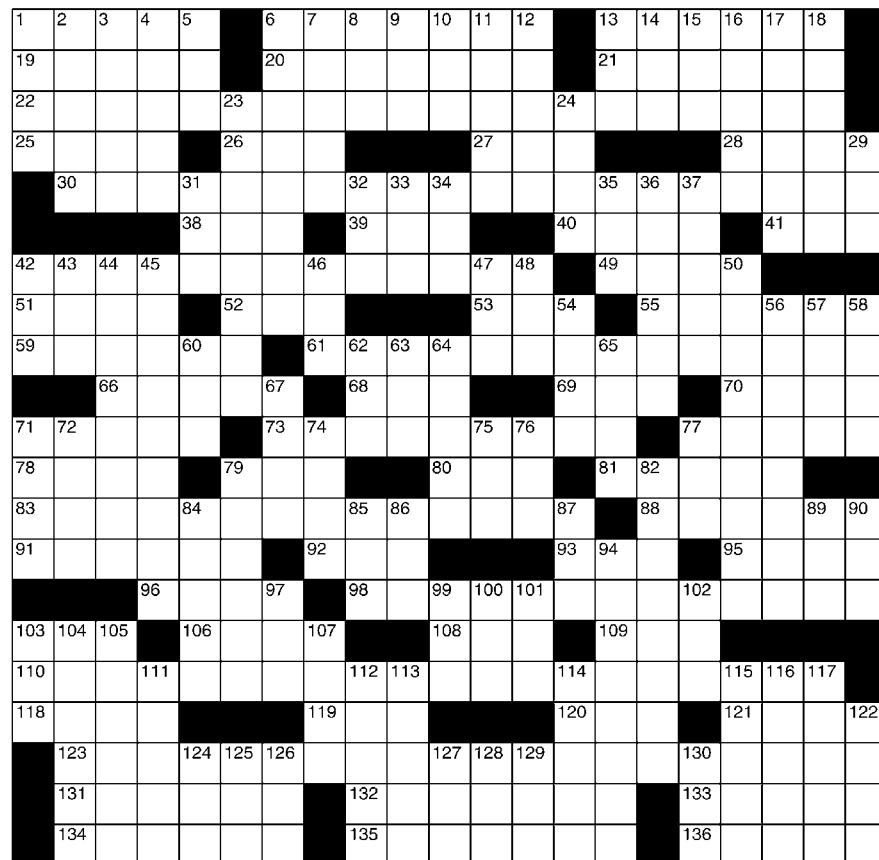
- 61 Voicing a question of curiosity
66 Bush barb
68 Misery
69 Battery size
70 Suffix with convert
71 Army sites
73 "Look ahead," to a drill instructor
77 Wicked acts
78 Regarding
79 Downed
80 Charged bit
81 — Lauder
83 Was the right thing, but didn't happen
88 Steeds
91 Set of seven
92 That dude's
93 Ad about DUI, maybe
95 Just makes, with "out"
96 Prune a bit
98 Be published
103 — Moines
106 "Back in Black" band
108 Actress Poehler
109 Many a charity gp.

- 110 Poem that's the source of the phrase comprising the first words of 22-, 30-, 42-, 61-, 73-, 83- and 98-Across
118 Viral GIF, e.g.
119 Sci-fi saucer
120 — Party
121 Cookie giant
123 Alternate title of
110-Across, with "The"
131 Director May
132 Shady giant
133 Island ring
134 Expunge
135 More diluted
136 Body of art?

DOWN

- 1 Like cut wood
2 Pair of drum-kit cymbals
3 "A Bell for —"
4 Unleash on
5 Airport org. flagging bags
6 Parody-filled newspaper
7 Gretzky of hockey
8 Brian of rock
9 School URL ender
10 "... — a pudgy tall"
11 Orals, e.g.
12 Clear, as a windshield
13 Boxing great
14 Bear's home
15 Bender
16 Not suited
17 Town that's home to the University of Connecticut
18 Shredded
23 Blitz, e.g.
24 6'6", say
29 Brine source
31 Solo in films
32 Mine find
33 Game aim
34 It aired "ER"
35 Hi- — (stereos)
36 Caviar fish
37 Suburb of Minneapolis
42 "Umami" taste source
43 "— -haw!"
44 Simply must keep going
45 At variance
46 Dr. Kildare player Ayres

- 47 "I heard him exclaim, — he drove out of sight ..."
48 "Fine fellow"
50 Paperboy, for one
54 Gorilla guru Fossey
56 Actress Leelee
57 Pick out from others
58 Some poems
60 Plural of "el"
62 Be in debt
63 Some votes
64 Zapping ER treatment
65 Silver of statistics
67 Neighbor of Belg.
71 Party
72 Netman Arthur
74 "Uh-huh"
75 Caviar base
76 Inseparable
77 DDE's WWII sphere
79 Chocoholic, e.g.
82 Chinese port
84 Oahu patio
85 Road, in Italy
86 Seer's "gift"
87 "Fresh Air" network
89 Dusk, to a bard
90 Old Brit. Airways jet
94 More heartfelt
97 PC file that's shareable
99 Fathers
100 First-aid pro
101 Writer Rand
102 Nanki- — ("The Mikado" son)
103 Block up
104 Made level
105 "Good as gold," e.g.
107 Mötley —
111 "Love Story" author Erich
112 "He's a man — words"
113 Dinero
114 "With this ring — wed"
115 Keno's kin
116 Knight's mail
117 Some pups
122 Norway port
124 Make haste
125 Blast stuff
126 Flying stinger
127 Apartment divs.
128 Archaic verb ending
129 Dernier —
130 Used a pew



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The New Year brings challenges that can change many things in your life. You need to be prepared not only to confront them, but also to deal with what happens afterward.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You have what it takes to set your goals quite a bit higher this year. Learn what you need to know and put what you learn into your efforts. A partner offers loving support.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) In true Gemini Twin fashion, you're conflicted about a decision you know you'll have to make in this New Year. Best advice: Get the facts before you make any commitment.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A friend offers you an exciting opportunity for this New Year. Although your positive aspects are strong in most respects, caution is advised. Investigate before you invest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You can make this New Year a roaring success. Start by readjusting your goals to reflect the changes in the economy. Your den mate offers both wise and loving support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The New Year brings new opportunities for change. But you need to be ready to move from the comfortable status quo to the challenging unknown. It's up to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your most important New Year's resolution should be to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continuing misunderstandings. Do it soon, for both of your sakes.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The New Year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpion, who isn't afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they surrender their rewards.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You'll have many fine opportunities in this New Year. But be warned: Reject offers of "help." You work best when you're free to be your own creative self.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The New Year offers changes that you might feel you're not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time, until you've built up your self-confidence.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel is a dominant aspect of the New Year. This could mean relocating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or your career.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This New Year brings news about a change you've been anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but he or she will soon go along with them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making people feel safe and protected. You would make an excellent youth counselor.

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Program dates include: January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, and March 1.

Marion Establishes Emergency Fund for Veterans

Marion Veterans Agent Barry Denham is pleased to announce that an emergency fund has been established to further assist veterans and their spouses in times of need.

The creation of the fund was approved by the Marion Board of Selectmen on October 15.

The fund will be used to help Marion veterans and their spouses who have short-term financial needs.

The fund will be controlled by the Marion Veterans Services Office and Marion Council on Aging. Disbursement of the funds will be evaluated by both agencies on a case-by-case basis and will be released if the need cannot be met by the day-to-day services provided by local, state or federal veterans assistance programs.

"Sometimes there are tools that we do not have in our toolbox to assist a veteran or their families," Denham said. "We wanted to establish this fund in order to provide a lifeline to help when resources are not available through other means."

Any Marion resident who meets the state's eligibility requirements to be considered a veteran is eligible to request to receive funds. A veteran's widow or widower may also request funds. Proof of residency must

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Anyone with further questions can contact the Marion Veterans Services Office at 508-758-4100, Ext. 7.

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MARION

Log highlights Dec 22-Dec 28

- Mill St - Medical
- Main St - Road Hazard
- Water St - Suspicious Person
- Boxberry Way - Fire Alarm
- Moorings Rd - Burglar Alarm
- Ryders Ln - Medical
- Mill St - Medical
- Mill St - Road Hazard
- Front St - Suspicious Activity
- Rt. 195 - Brush Fire
- Mill St - Past Larceny
- Converse Rd - Medical
- Front St - Suspicious Person
- Wareham Rd - Medical
- Rt. 195 - Health/Welfare
- Quelle Ln - Officer Wanted
- Point Rd - Civil Complaint
- Old Knoll Rd - Gas Leak
- Wareham Rd - Disabled Vehicle
- Main St - Medical
- Rt. 195 - Vehicle Crash
- Mill St - Follow Up
- Wareham Rd - Past Larceny
- Farmer's Ln - Medical
- Point Rd - Fire Alarm
- Mill St - Medical
- Point Rd - Medical
- Pleasant St - Fire Alarm
- County Rd - Accidental 911

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Dec 22-Dec 28

- County Rd - Property found
- County Rd - Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Pinehurst Ave - MV crash
- Knollwood Dr - 911 call
- County Rd - Property returned
- Brant Beach Ave - Animal control
- County Rd - Suspicious MV
- Cedar St - Health/welfare
- North St - 911 call
- Marion Rd - 911 call
- Baker Ln - 911 call
- Oakland Ter - Notification
- Acushnet Rd - MV lockout
- Upland Way - Disturbance
- Marion Rd - MV crash
- County Rd - MV crash
- Dyar Rd - Health/welfare
- Church St - Vandalism
- Church St - Follow up investigation
- Oliver St - Animal control
- Main St - MV lockout
- North St - MV crash
- Grandview Ave - Disturbance
- Fairhaven Rd - Health/welfare
- Bowman Rd - Health/welfare
- Upland Way - Domestic disturbance
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd - MV crash
- County Rd - Restraining order
- Marion Rd - MV crash

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Dec 22-Dec 28

- Ryder Rd - Suspicious MV
- North Ave - Suspicious MV
- New Bedford Rd - Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd - Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd - Suspicious MV
- Dexter Ln - Follow up
- Cranberry Hwy - MV accident
- North Ave - Assist citizen
- New Bedford Rd - Assist other agency
- Negus Way - MV accident
- Braley Hill Rd - Animal control
- North Ave - Suspicious activity
- North Ave - Medical emergency
- Mendell Rd - 911 call
- Boxberry Ln - Assist citizen
- North Ave - B&E
- Sarah Sherman Rd - 911 call
- Braley Hill Rd - Lost property
- Braley Hill Rd - General services
- Rounseville Rd - Road hazard
- Dexter Ln - Assist other agency
- Dexter Ln - Officer follow up
- New Bedford Rd - Animal control
- North Ave - Harassment
- Burgess Ave - Assist other dept
- Braley Hill Rd - MV accident
- Mattapoisett Rd - Medical
- Wordell St - Assist other agency
- Wordell St - Medical emergency

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Play Basketball". In this class, instructors will focus on fundamentals of the game of basketball and basics of dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, and of course teamwork. Participants will also have the opportunity to play smaller games with adaptive nets. The program runs Saturdays beginning **January 11, 2020** and runs through **February 15, 2020**, and is designed for beginner players or players in grades K- 2nd Grade. Classes take place at Sippican School Gymnasium. The cost for participants is \$75 for six instructional weeks and includes a participant t-shirt.

A former standout at Division II Merrimack College, Instructor Aaron Strothers joined the UMass Dartmouth coaching staff ahead of last season. Strothers was a four-year player at Merrimack, appearing in 108 career games at forward for the Warriors. He helped his teams to a 70-44 record on his career including two NCAA Division II Tournament appearances (2009, 2010). Strothers is a member of Merrimack's 500-rebound club, amassing 553 on his career to rank 11th in program history, and also a member of the 1000th point club. In 2013, Strothers was a member of the Cape Verde National Team for a summer. Following that, he played professionally for Escazu Basketball in Costa Rica, where he also became involved in youth clinics in the area. Since his playing days, Strothers has served in a variety of volunteer and coaching roles in the southeastern Massachusetts community. Most recently, he was the

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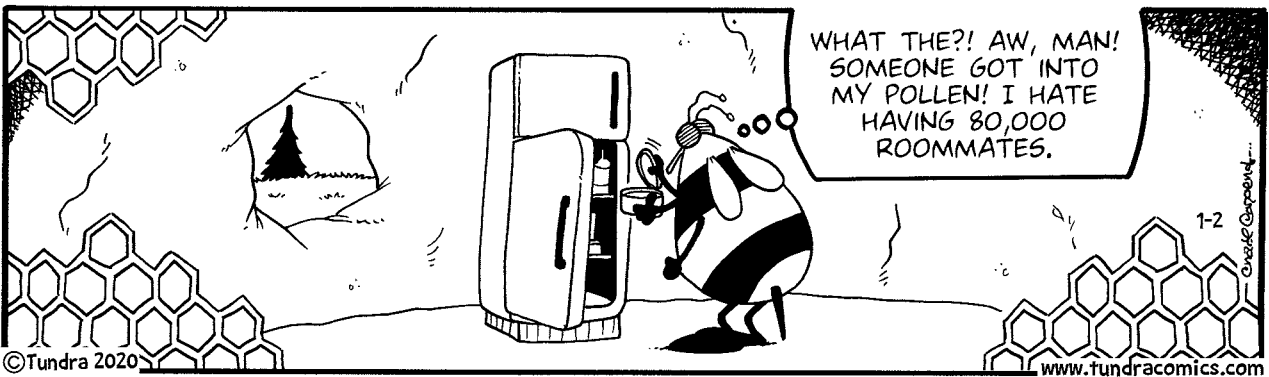
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head seventh-grade boys coach for the Bay State Jaguars AAU team, while also assisting the fifth-grade girls squad. He also volunteers in basketball roles at the Boys & Girls Club of Wareham and with the Wareham Junior Basketball Association. Strothers holds his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with a minor in Business Administration from Merrimack.

You may register online at www.marionma.gov/recreation. You do not need to live in Marion to participate in this program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marion Recreation at 774-217-8355 or recreation@marionma.gov.

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Marion Scholarship Fund

To enhance the education of Marion students, the Town of Marion has two funds. Both funds are supported entirely by donations of generous Marion residents.

The Scholarship Fund awards money to deserving Marion students as they head off to their first year of college. Applicants are asked to submit their transcripts, a list of extra-curricular activities and community service, and letters of recommendations. This year the Scholarship Committee received 13 applications and made the very hard decision as to whom to award the scholarship. If sufficient funds are available, multiple award winners are named.

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The fundraising work of the FOTMCOA supports COA programs, education, and other needs for which public funds are either not available or need supplementing.

Due to a decrease in membership, new members are now urgently needed to carry on the mission of the FOTMCOA.

Can you help? If you can share an hour once a month to attend the FOTMCOA meeting or wish to assist in any way possible, please contact Anne Bartnowski at 508-758-4603 or email at annebartswife@yahoo.com.

Friendly Visitor Program

The Friendly Visitor Program of the Marion COA seeks to maximize independence and enrich the quality of life for isolated seniors within the community. The program provides screened and trained volunteers to visit seniors in their homes. Visitors support seniors through weekly contact, providing social support, and a connection to the community. All volunteers are screened through a CORI (Criminal History Systems Board) check. For more information, please contact Linda Aguiar at 508 748-3570.

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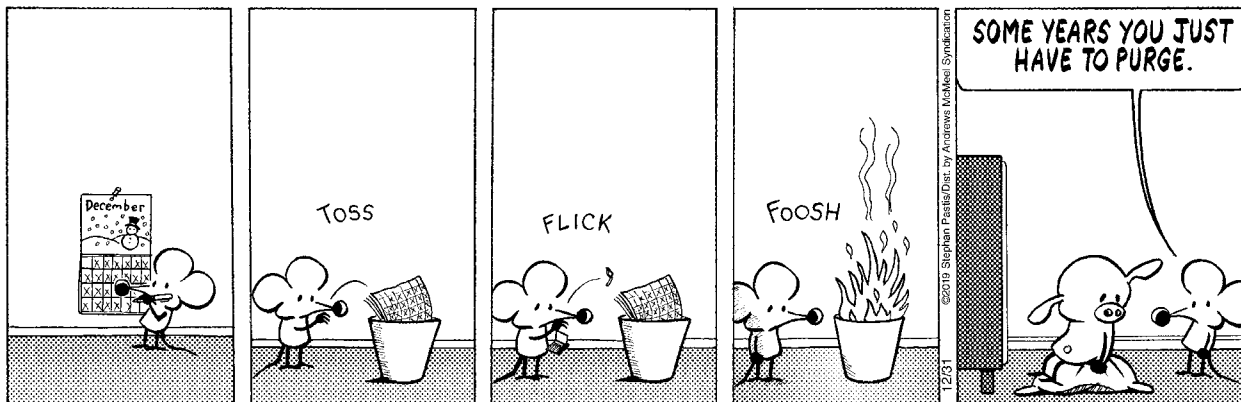
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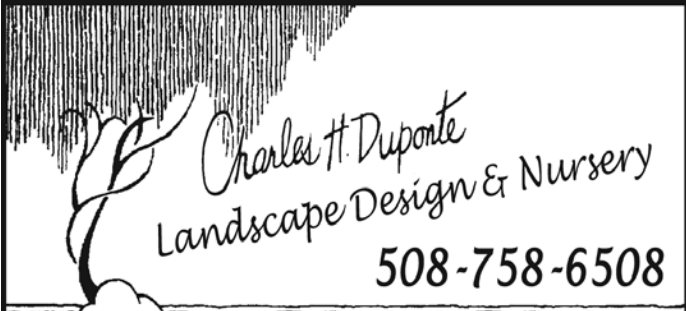
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by J.P. Toomey



Red Cross Volunteers Needed

There are many ways our Red Cross volunteers are involved and give back to the community. They help canteen for our brave first responders, keep you hydrated during a local road race or even a Cape Cod Baseball League game on a hot summer day. We have blood service volunteers that help us fill this critical life-saving need for blood. There are opportunities to volunteer to Service to our Armed Forces, Youth Services, and Health and Safety Preparedness, Communication volunteers, Administrative Support – there are so many ways to serve. Our Disaster Action Team (DAT) members help those in crisis: when disaster strikes, the Red Cross is always there. These wonderful volunteers are not only here for our local communities, but for those in other areas of the country and the globe that need assistance – everything from flooding, fires, natural disasters, and more. We are looking for all these types of volunteers, people just like you and me who want to help. Don't worry, we provide training and you will be ready and confident in your skills to serve in the best capacity. We can't wait until you join our Team.

And it's so easy. Simply go online to www.redcross.org/ma/hyannis and click on 'Volunteer' to sign up today for our local Cape, Islands and Southeast Mass Chapter. We serve Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Plymouth, and Bristol Counties in Southeast Mass.

Once you volunteer, you become part of an honorable tradition you can be proud of. Sign up today.

Depression, Bipolar Support Alliance

Depression, Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) support group meets every first and third Thursday of the month from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm at the St. Gabriel's Church, 124 Front Street in Marion. For more information, call John at 508-971-0018.

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quilters. We offer two meeting times, one during the day at VFW #3260, 281 Appleton St., New Bedford (corner of Appleton St. and Ashley Blvd.). Social at 9:30 am and meeting 10:00 am -12:00 pm; we meet every 4th Monday from September - June. Our night meeting meets at United Methodist Church, 67 Main St., Acushnet. Social at 6:30 pm and meeting from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We meet every 2nd Monday from September to June. Check out our website: www.shiningtidesquiltguild.com.

FISH - Friends in Service Helping

Friends In Service Helping has been in operation in Mattapoisett since 1969. We provide rides to medical appointments for elderly residents who cannot drive anymore. We service Mattapoisett residents with transportation from their homes to Wareham, Marion, Fairhaven, New Bedford, and Dartmouth, as well as right here in Mattapoisett. Last year alone, we transported 409 residents.

Our town does not have public transportation. Our elderly residents are counting on FISH to get them to their medical appointments. We need more volunteer callers and drivers. We always work around your schedule when it is convenient for you! To find out more about your opportunity to be a FISH volunteer, please call FISH Coordinator Cathy Dupont at 508-758-9681.

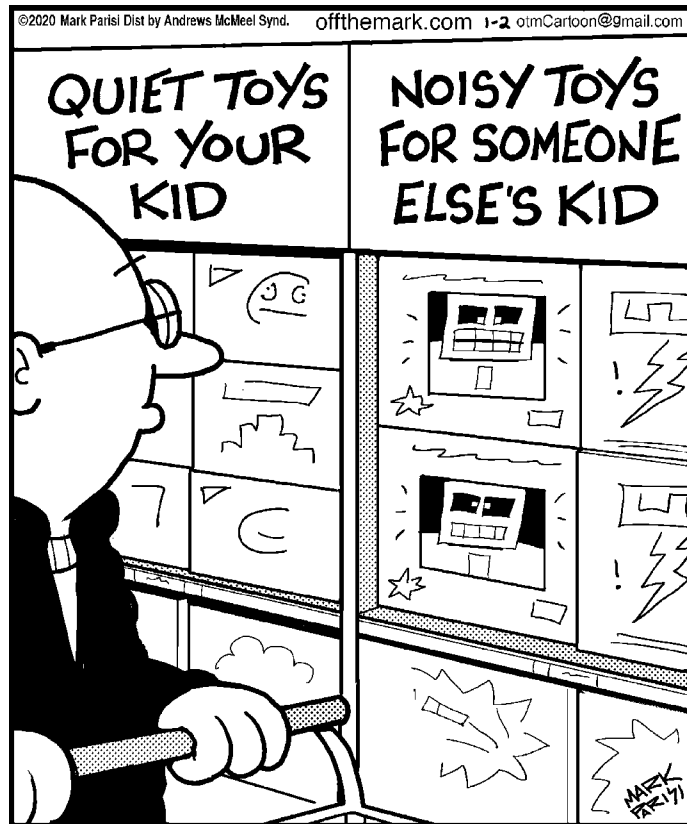
REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Duncan, Catherine F	Trusted Real Estate Sltn	44-B Briggs Ln	Marion	12/13/2019	\$435,000
McGinnis, David E McGinnis, Karen S	300 Converse Rd NT Pierce, Constance H	300 Converse Rd	Marion	12/16/2019	\$475,000
FNMA	Sherman, Terry L Reverse Mortgage Funding	301 County Rd	Marion	12/17/2019	\$175,000
Ketchel, Christine W	35 Water Street RT Kearins, Connie M	35 Water St	Mattapoisett	12/11/2019	\$1,175,000
Daniel, Susan M	Boucher, Doris	440 Neck Rd	Rochester	12/12/2019	\$280,000
Almeida, Manuel M	Pavao, Jeffrey Pavao, Denise	411 Snipatuit Rd	Rochester	12/17/2019	\$435,000

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Local Tides



Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	January 2	12:46	12:59	6:13	6:37
Friday	January 3	1:30	1:43	7:28	7:32
Saturday	January 4	2:15	2:31	8:48	8:28
Sunday	January 5	3:05	3:26	9:51	9:20
Monday	January 6	4:00	4:25	10:41	10:08
Tuesday	January 7	4:54	5:19	11:25	10:54
Wednesday	January 8	5:42	6:08	12:08	11:39
Thursday	January 9	6:28	6:54		12:51
Friday	January 10	7:14	7:41	12:25	1:36
Saturday	January 11	8:01	8:29	1:13	2:20
Sunday	January 12	8:49	9:18	2:02	3:02
Monday	January 13	9:38	10:10	2:51	3:42
Tuesday	January 14	10:31	11:04	3:41	4:24
Wednesday	January 15	11:25		4:32	5:09
Thursday	January 16	12:01	12:22	5:31	6:01
Friday	January 17	12:58	1:19	6:50	7:03
Saturday	January 18	1:56	2:18	8:44	8:13
Sunday	January 19	2:58	3:23	10:04	9:21

Phases of the Moon	First Quarter	January 2nd
	Full Moon	January 10th
	Last Quarter	January 17th
	New Moon	January 24th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the December 26, 2019 edition the Aardvark was on page 69!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION



SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Please;
2. Tumult;
3. Action;
4. Patrol

Today's Word
APPETITE

Sudoku Answer

5	2	7	1	9	8	4	6	3
6	4	9	3	5	2	1	8	7
3	8	1	7	6	4	5	2	9
9	7	6	8	2	1	3	5	4
4	5	8	9	3	7	6	1	2
1	3	2	5	4	6	9	7	8
7	6	4	2	1	9	8	3	5
2	9	5	6	8	3	7	4	1
8	1	3	4	7	5	2	9	6

by Mark Parisi
off the mark





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 lb.
 Boar's Head
 Low Salt Ham **\$11⁹⁹**
 lb.
 Boar's Head
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 Cheddar Cheese..... **\$5⁹⁹**
 lb.
 Store Packaged
 White
 Chicken Salad..... **\$4⁹⁹**
 lb.



Chairman's
 Reserve
 Prime, Bone-In
Pork Chops
\$3⁷⁹
 lb.

Grocery & Bakery

9 oz. Selected
Ken's
 Steak House
 Dressing **4/\$5**
 12 oz. Selected
Briannas
 Dressing **2/\$6**
 1.83 oz. Selected
RX
 Protein Bar **\$2²⁹**



18-19 oz. Selected
 (Excludes Vegetable Classics)
Progresso
 Soup **\$2¹⁹**
 16.9 oz. Pure or Extra Virgin
 (Excludes Organic)
Filippo Berio
 Olive Oil **\$4⁹⁹**



12-16 oz. Selected
Barilla
 Pasta **2/\$3**
 2 Rolls
Simply Done
 Paper Towels **\$4⁹⁹**
 6-20 oz. Selected
Lay's
 Party Size Snacks . **\$3⁹⁹**



Fresh Store Baked
 15 oz. Dozen Selected
 Cookies..... **\$3⁹⁹**



Fresh Store Baked
 22 oz. 8 Inch
Raspberry Pie **\$4⁹⁹**



Wine Shop & Beer Cooler Specials

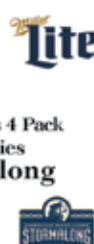
All Beer is
 Plus Deposit



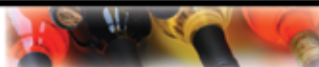
750 ml
 California Wine
 Sauvignon Blanc
Bogle
\$9⁹⁹

1.5 Liter, California Wines, Assorted Varietals
Beringer Main & Vine **\$10⁹⁹**
 3 Liter Box, California Wines, Assorted Varietals
Corbett Canyon **\$11⁹⁹**
 750 ml, California Wines, Chardonnay
Kendall Jackson **\$13⁹⁹**
 750 ml, Oregon Wines, Pinot Noir
Whole Cluster **\$20⁹⁹**

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**Almond
Breeze**
2/\$7



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Frozen Yogurt or
Ice Cream

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Harpoon
12 oz. Bottles
Selected
12 Pack
\$15.99
Plus Dep.



750 ml New Zealand
Sauvignon Blanc
**Oyster Bay
Wine**
\$11.99



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Pint
Blueberries \$2.99

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Navel Oranges..... \$1.29
lb.

Crisp
Iceberg Lettuce..... \$1.49
hd.

Hot House
Tomatoes \$2.49
lb.

Organic 12 oz. Pkg. Peeled
Mini Rainbow Carrots... \$2.49

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